



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: **IMOTO, Teruhiko et al.**

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**FOR: HYDROGEN ABSORBING ALLOY FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY  
AND METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME, AND HYDROGEN ABSORBING  
ALLOY ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF  
PRODUCING THE SAME**

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: July 9, 2002

Sir:

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This paper is submitted in response to the Official Action dated **June 27, 2002**.

In the Action, restriction is required between Group (I), Claims 1 and 6-10; and Group (II), Claims 2, 4 and 5.

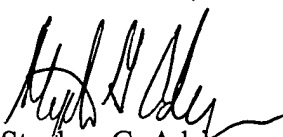
Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group (II), Claims 2, 4 and 5 for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 USC 120 and 35 USC 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please  
charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully Submitted,

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